

Groundwater Enhancements and Recommendations  
Groups Discussions CWP Plenary  
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1. Recommendations to Improve Groundwater Management (Tulare Lake Region – GWMP assessment findings)
  - Incomplete data – couldn't discern between shallow and deep wells/conjunctive management
  - Need to be careful of drawing conclusions and establishing broad policy
    - Apply SB 1938 across the board and maybe add to it. Make consistent with SWRCB.
  - From the Tulare Lake Region Assessment – could draw a conclusion that the TLB is not managed properly. Not necessarily so. There are 11 M acres. Need to be careful with the numbers. Should be broken down based on capacity of the basin and put the decrease in groundwater into context.
  - Inter-basin flows?
  - Get down to more local management units.
  - There are 7 IRWMPs in the TL Region. GWMP should be integrated into local management efforts such as IRWM.
  - Management structures are never set up at a “consistent” scale
  - Outreach messaging important – needs to be collaboration between various initiatives.
  - GW resource. This asset is so diverse and it is difficult to arrive at a policy conclusion. Look at action at the local level that can be improved.
  - Need to be more precise (localize). For example subsidence needs context.
  - Presentation – too broad brush. Need to look at the basin size and break down to sub-basins. One may come to conclusions that are not meaningful. It lacks granularity to arrive at policy.
  - Be careful of generalized data.
  - Why isn't there any data on the “west side”? (Lack of data was somewhat addressed later in the plenary)
2. Recommendations to Improve Conjunctive Management and Groundwater Recharge (This group generally agreed with the recommendations)
  - State focus on highest and best use, less on optimally managed basin. Provide resources to help get local management going.
  - Must look at land use policies, cropping, city growth
  - Local and regional leadership - governance, funding, management/enforcement.
  - Tools have been developed and exist....just need to be applied.
  - State role definition eg., land use mapping – reduce the probability of State regulation
  - Statewide Groundwater and recharge and storage....needs to be coordinated with local GW storage priorities, project etc.
  - Clear about relation between quality and quantity
  - GWMPs lack objectives for quality, quantity, subsidence, ecosystem restoration. If GWMP do not have this integrated approach then entities should not be eligible for State \$\$\$\$ and support.
  - Reiterate – Governance, finance, enforcement and local management is critical for success.